

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 22nd August 2010

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Pat Maher E13AV, Knockearl, Cloughjordan, wish to thank most sincerely all of the Radio Club members who attended Pats Removal, Requiem Mass and Burial, those who sympathised with us on our sad loss, who sent Mass Cards and Certs of Enrolment. As it would be impossible to thank everyone, individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered.

CQ CQ calling news items

As is common through the year we have occasional lulls in news. If your group or club are involved in anything that you would like to share with our Listeners or readers please pass on the information to our editor.

Theory Examination

The next theory examination for the Amateur Station Licence will be held on Wednesday, 6th October next at 2 p.m. in the ComReg Offices in Dublin. The closing date for receipt of applications to sit the examination is Friday, 17th September.

For further information on the application procedure, exam fees and other details see 'Theory Examination' in the 'Information' section of the website. The 'Downloads' section of the website includes a very useful document 'Studying for the Amateur Radio Examination'.

The 'Links' section of the website under 'Radio Theory' contains much useful information for anyone studying for the licence examination.'

Dublin 2m News Interruption

During the latter half of August there may be a temporary interruption of the 11:45 two-metre news broadcast from Dublin on Sundays. This is unavoidably due to overlapping holiday commitments of the four regular newsreaders Tony(EI5EM),

John (EI7JG), Frank (EI6EF) and Liam (EI3HK).

Every effort will be made to maintain the service. However, if by chance there is no transmission on a particular Sunday, please accept our apologies in advance and rest assured that the regular two-metre service will resume as soon as possible.

Appeal from Pakistan Amateur Radio Society

The Pakistan Amateur Radio Society is asking the International and National Ham Community to provide the following equipment, if possible.

1. Cross band repeater radios (any brand) 3 (144-430 MHz)
2. Coaxial Cable 100 ft x 3 with connectors
3. Power supplies x 3
4. Hi gain dual band antennas x 3
5. Handhelds (any brand vhf 2meter) x 5

The equipment could be new or used but should be in a workable condition.

In order to facilitate collection and shipping of donated equipment from EI to our counterparts in Pakistan. Please contact Conor at email ei4jn /at/ aren.ie Conor's mobile 087 7993085 for further information or pledges of donations.

Conor would like to make the first shipment in approx 1 week time.

IARUMS news

It is requested that amateurs & SWL's please keep a listening watch around 28.265 FM as there have been incursions by churches on this frequency heard throughout Europe at up to 59 +20db. Please send details of names etc used so we can identify locations and report them to ComReg for investigation.

All information can be sent to Ger McNamara EI4GXB who is the IRTS IARUMS co-ordinator at ei4gxb /at/ gmail or 087 2532512

IOTA activation EU-123

For the week starting 18th September, members of Sands Contest Group and Workington Radio Club along with Brendon Minish, EI6IZ will be visiting the Isle of Arran off the coast of south western Scotland, operating under the callsign MS0SCG.

They plan to operate on VHF, HF, SSB, CW and data modes. The location is IOTA island number EU123 and SCOTIA island number CS14.

For more information and an up to date blog on the event, Please checkout the group's website www.m0scg.org.uk

International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend

The International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend being held this Weekend sees some 430 registrations in 40 countries setting the scene for a great weekend.

Members of Limerick Radio Club will be activating Tarbert Lighthouse. The lighthouse number is IE0002 and the callsign in use will be EI4LRC/P.

Activity will be on all bands and look forward to working as many stations as possible over the weekend. QSL via EI4GXB

Charlie EI8JB, John EI6GHB and David EI7GEB will be operating /P from St Johns Point Lighthouse. The Lighthouse number is IE0005 Activity will be on HF, Digi & Satellite.

Those who can't go portable and operate from a lighthouse or lightship this weekend can still lend their support for the fun event by listening around the bands and working as many as possible.

The website www.ILLW.NET is an excellent guide and checklist.

Special event station Sail 2010

The Special event station is active during Tall Ships Sail 2010 in Amsterdam August 19-23.

Callsign PD10SAIL

ISS cooling system affects ARISS contacts

A cooling system failure on the International Space Station has impacted ARISS operations. On August 11th, NASA astronauts successfully completed the second of three to four space walks in an effort to replace a faulty ammonia pump module on the International Space Station's truss. One that has forced cutbacks abroad the orbiting outpost including time that astronaut hams are spending on the air.

Since July 31st the space station has been operating at half its usual cooling capacity utilizing the one remaining cooling pump. This forces the astronauts to power down equipment to prevent overheating on the ISS.

Rallies

North Cork Radio Group is pleased to announce their first annual rally and electronics fair at the Blarney Golf Resort, Tower, Co Cork. on Sunday September the 19th 2010

More information is available via the Groups website www.NorthCorkRadioGroup.com, traders are very welcome but it essential that they contact the events organiser Liam EI7GTB, Tel: 085-7039042 Email: ei7gtb /at/ gmail.com as soon as possible.

For further details on Rallies please see www.irts.ie/rallies

History this Week

1872 The first telegraph messages between London and Adelaide were exchanged.

1932 The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) began its first experimental TV broadcast in England.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Charlie EI8JB, preferably via e-mail to "charlie dot carolan at gmail dot com" Or by phone to 087-6265418 News can also be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam at irts dot ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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